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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS PARA 2, REF (A), WE HAVE CONTINUED TO CAUTION AAA AGAINST ANNOUNCING FACT THAT CHIP AND CARON CARTER WOULD BE THE OFFICIAL U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT THIS YEAR'S AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN WEEK CELEBRATIONS. FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK, IN HIS FORMAL WRITTEN INVITATION FOR THE CARTERS (REF B), NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE INQUIRIES FROM THE MEDIA, AND SAID "I HAVE THEREFORE INSTRUCTED THAT MY DEPARTMENT MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OFFICERS OF YOUR EMBASSY TO COORDINATE AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE...."

2. IN LIGHT OF THIS, SOMEWHAT TO OUR SURPRISE (AND DISMAY) THE MELBOURNE "AGE" HAS CARRIED THE FOLLOWING STORY, DATED WASHINGTON, BY THEIR CORRESPONDENT CREIGHTON BURNS:

"CARTER SON TO VISIT AUSTRALIA THIS YEAR.  
(HEADLINE)

"PRESIDENT CARTER'S SECOND SON 27-YEAR-OLD JAMES EARLY CARTER III -- BETTER KNOWN AS CHIP -- WILL REPRESENT HIS FATHER AND THE U.S. AT THIS YEAR'S AUSTRALIA-AMERICA WEEK CELEBRATIONS.

"CHIP'S WIFE, CARON, WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.

"CHIP, THE MOST POLITICALLY ACTIVE OF MR. CARTER'S THREE SONS,  
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HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL EMISSARY IN DIPLOMATIC AND STATE OCCASIONS AND IN LOCAL POLITICS.

"HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST DELEGATION TO CHINA IN 1976, ATTENDED THE STATE FUNERAL OF FORMER INDIAN PRESIDENT FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED, AND WITH HIS WIFE, REPRESENTED PRESIDENT CARTER AT QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR.

"DURING LAST YEAR'S DISASTEROUS BLIZZARD, WHICH IMMOBILIZED MUCH OF NORTHEAST AMERICA, PRESIDENT CARTER SENT CHIP ON A FACT-FINDING MISSION TO BUFFALO, THE WORST HIT CITY.

"HE ALSO REPRESENTED THE PRESIDENT AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY AT LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK, THE SITE OF THE NEXT WINTER OLYMPICS.

"HE HAS TALKED, ON HIS FATHER'S BEHALF, TO BLACK POLITICAL ACTION GROUPS AND BEEN GUEST SPEAKER AT DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUND-RAISERS.

"A SELF-CONFESSED 'POLITICAL SCIENCE FREAK', CHIP IS OFFICIALLY AN \$8,000 A YEAR AIDE WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

"BUT, ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF, HE IS, IN EFFECT, 'A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF HIS FATHER, BUT AT NO PAY.'"

3. INASMUCH AS THE ABOVE READS VERY MUCH LIKE A DRAFT OFFICIAL RELEASE, SHOULD WE TELL THE GOA AND AAA WE STILL EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO COORDINATE AN "OFFICIAL" RELEASE? SHOULD WE ASK AAA TO SUBMIT A PROPOSED TEXT, OR WILL WASHINGTON PROVIDE ONE? (FRANKLY, THE "AGE" STORY APPEARS TO CONTAIN ALL THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS, AND COULD SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE.)

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